

Bill's advancement through the ranks is especially noteworthy. He joined the sheriff's department at a time when opportunities for minorities were—at best—scarce. But Bill was not your typical individual. He was eager to learn the ropes and possessed the commitment and tenacity to assume the important responsibilities that would eventually lead him to a stellar 36-year career with the sheriff's department.

Along the way, he earned a masters degree in public communications from Pepperdine University, and masters and bachelor of sciences degrees in criminal justice from the California State University, Los Angeles. In addition, he graduated from the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy, located in Quantico, VA.

In recognition of his exemplary career in law enforcement, Chief Baker has received numerous awards and honors, including the Los Angeles County Valor Award, the Criminal Courts Bar Association, and the California city of Lawndale Distinguished Service Award.

Along with the myriad contributions he has made in law enforcement, Chief Baker has also devoted considerable time to several outside organizations. He has chaired and/or served on several boards, such as the Criminal Justice Committee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; the Southern California Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; and the United Way South Central Youth Violence Roundtable Committee. From 1980 to 1988, he was an associate professor of criminal justice at California State University at Los Angeles.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize and salute Chief William "Bill" Baker's superior career in law enforcement. He has established a legacy of excellence that the law enforcement community and all Angelenos can look to with great pride and admiration.

Please join me in wishing Bill best wishes for a long and healthy retirement, and in extending congratulations to him as he enters another chapter in his life—one that we trust will be filled with many hours listening to swinging and melodious jazz and making plenty of trips to the racquet ball courts. Join me also in acknowledging his lovely wife, Pearl, and their adult children, Arlyce and William.

SALUTE TO WHITESBORO AND GUNTER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 1995

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two groups of outstanding young athletes in the Fourth District of Texas—the high school girls basketball teams from Whitesboro and Gunter—who recently won their regional championships and will play in the State basketball tournament in Austin later this week. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these players on their outstanding achievement and to wish them well in the State competition.

The Whitesboro Lady Bearcats will represent their 3A region in the State tournament for the first time since 1953, and the Gunter

Lady Tigers will play in the 2A State tournament for the first time in the school's history. The citizens of Whitesboro and Gunter are understandably proud of their outstanding teams, and I share their enthusiasm.

Reaching this level of competition requires much hard work and dedication on the part of all members of the teams. Basketball is both a physical and mental sport and also requires much team work. It helps build character, and these girls have demonstrated that they have the talent and character—and the heart—to succeed. They are winners on the playing court, and the skills that they have learned also will serve them well in life.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize the Whitesboro Lady Bearcats and Gunter Lady Tigers and to join their many fans in giving them our heart-felt best wishes as they represent their schools and communities in the Texas State tournament. I know that they are prepared to give their best efforts—for their schools and for themselves—as they play in this final round of competition. It would be an honor to have both the 3A and 2A girls basketball State champions from my district, but whatever the outcome, they are already winners.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH A. CAVANAUGH, FORT ORD PROJECT COORDINATOR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 1995

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to honor Mr. Joseph A. Cavanaugh today, an outstanding public servant and citizen from Monterey, CA, on the occasion of his retirement as project coordinator for the Fort Ord Reuse Authority [FORA].

From his service in the Peace Corps, helping Tanzanians learn English and develop their communities, to his work as project coordinator for the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, Joe has helped people develop their communities and gain the skills they need to help themselves. His career in public service spans 30 years of work as a teacher, planner, researcher, and community organizer in California and throughout the United States.

In the community assistance arena, Joe has had a long and successful career. In 1964 he worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in east Africa where he helped local residents develop their community, including constructing a bridge and developing a local water system. He then went on to help plan and direct several Vista programs, on both a regional and national level.

Joe continued his work in community planning and development as community development director for the cities of Boulder, CO and Lawndale, CA. In my central coast California district, Joe served for 8 years as a community redevelopment and economic development coordinator for Monterey County. Most recently, Joe served as the executive staffmember of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority [FORA]. When the closure of Fort Ord was announced in 1991, the local community faced the loss of one of the largest employers in the region. Rather than simply accept this plight, however, the community organized itself to

find uses for the closing base which would benefit everyone. With Joe's skillful leadership and direction, the Fort Ord Reuse Group, the predecessor to the newly created Fort Ord Reuse Authority, successfully worked with Monterey County and surrounding impacted communities to develop a reuse plan that has turned a potential catastrophe into an economic and educational center which serves as a national model for the reuse of closed military installations.

I commend Joe for his commitment to public service, and for helping thousands of people develop and strengthen themselves and their communities. I thank him for his contribution to the economic development in my district, which has ensured healthy, enriched local communities for years to come, and I call upon my colleagues in the House to salute Joe Cavanaugh with me on his outstanding career and for a job well done.

IN HONOR OF SAM LAMPARELLO, THE 1995 BAYONNE CHAPTER OF UNICO "MAN OF THE YEAR"

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sam Lamparello, who is being honored as the 1995 Man Of The Year by the Bayonne chapter of Unico National. A dinner dance will be held in his honor on March 4, 1995.

Sam Lamparello is an Italian immigrant, who came to the United States with his parents when he was just 2 years old. He grew up in Bayonne and worked with his father in the family ice business. Upon graduation Sam Lamparello became an apprentice machinist with the American Radiator Co. He was later voted the president of local 447, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers Union. However, during his second term as president he decided to pursue his life-long dream.

Sam Lamparello took all his life savings and founded the Beacon Oil Co. He struggled tremendously, working out of his mother's basement. In those first years he served as a driver, serviceman, salesman and installer. He was later joined by his brothers, and together they managed to turn Beacon Oil Co. into a successful business.

Sam Lamparello has always been eager to serve his community. He was a member of the Hudson County Gold Seal Fuel Dealers and then in 1953 he joined Kiwanis and UNICO. While a member of these organizations, Sam Lamparello organized and chaired many fundraising events. Sam Lamparello was also appointed to the Bayonne traffic committee and the Bayonne Red Cross board.

For his great dedication to the community, Sam Lamparello has been awarded many honors, including the National Conferences of Christian and Jews Brotherhood award [1966] and the Gold Seal Fuel 1969 Man of the Year award. In 1964, he was named Jerseyman of the Week by the Newark Star Ledger.

Despite everything he has accomplished, Sam Lamparello was determined to keep on helping those that were less fortunate than he. For 12 years he was a member of the United Fund of Bayonne and chairman of the 1968—